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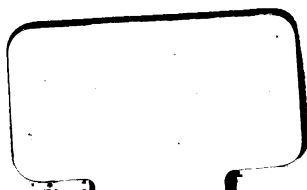
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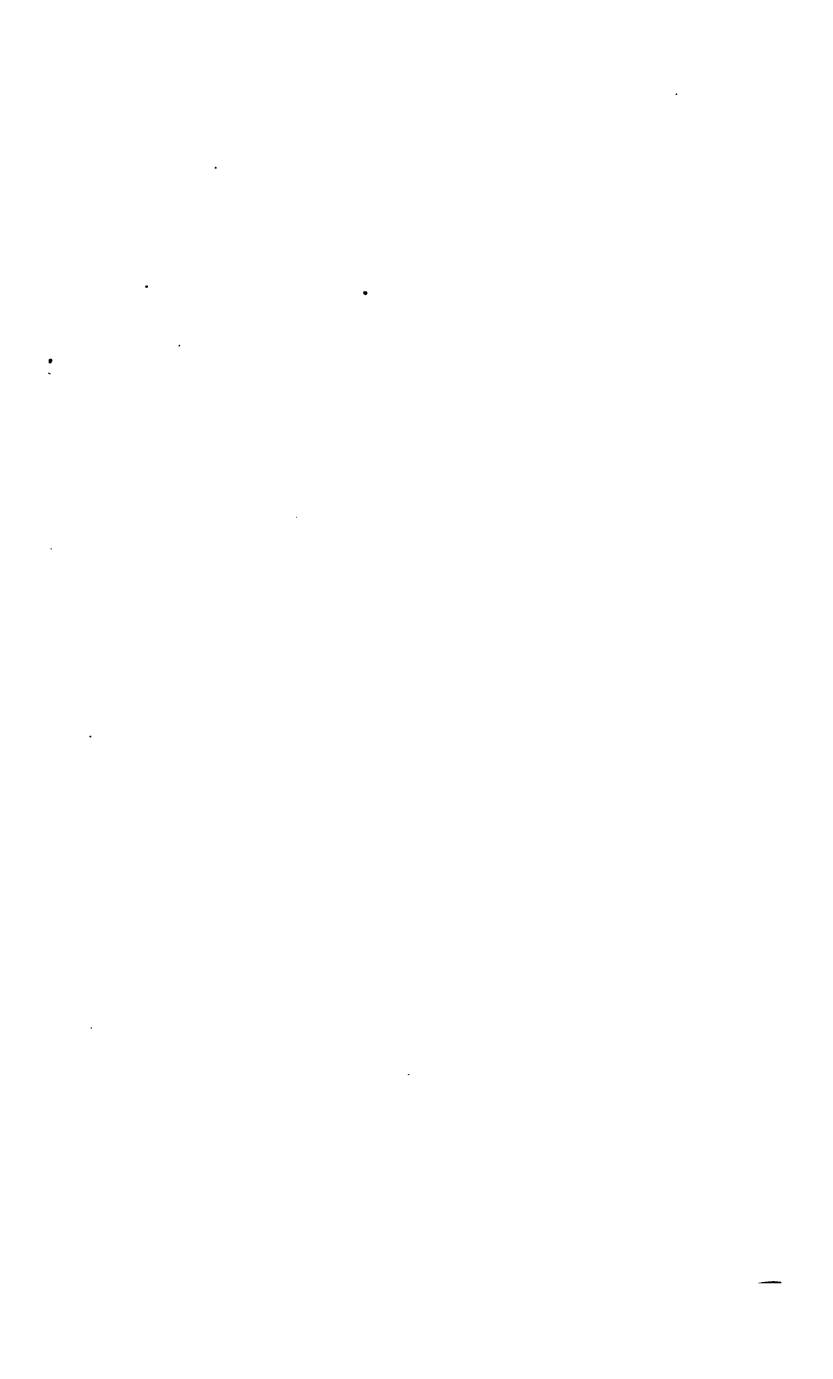
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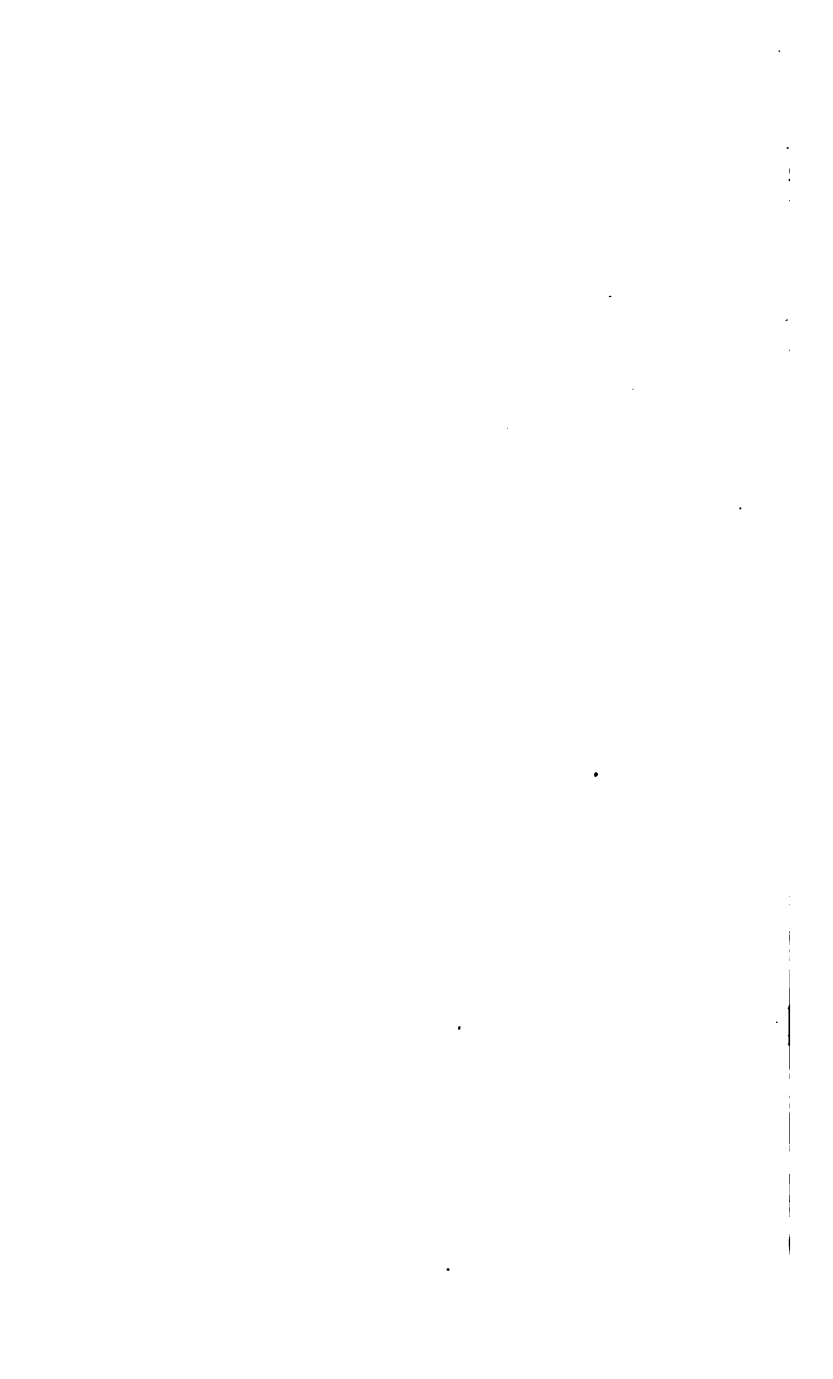
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

OXFORD UNION SOCIETY

AND

READING ROOM.

CORRECTED TO JANUARY, 1833.



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R U L E S.

I.

The Society shall be called "*The Oxford* Of the So-
Union Society." ciety."

II.

The Meetings of the Society shall be held on Thursday Evenings during Term, at Eight in Winter and Nine in Summer; and shall begin as soon as residence shall have generally commenced.

III.

But a discretionary power shall be vested in the President to alter the appointed day, or hour, and to call extraordinary meetings of the Society.

IV.

Of the De- The Society shall have for its object the
bate. Discussion of any subject not immediately in-
volving Theological questions.

V.

No Member shall be allowed to alter a ques-
tion which has been chosen, without the sanc-
tion of the President.

VI.

The Debate shall commence within a quarter
of an hour of the time of meeting ; it being in
the power of any Member to enforce an ad-
journment if less than fifteen Members are
present.

VII.

The question shall be put in form of a motion ; when it shall be competent for any Member to move an amendment.

VIII.

It shall not be lawful for the President to put a second amendment to the vote before the Society has disposed of the first.

IX.

Any Member may move a rider either to a motion or amendment, but it shall be put to the vote afterwards as a distinct clause, if the motion or amendment to which it is annexed shall have been carried.

X.

It shall be the duty of the President to refuse to put to the vote any amendment or rider which he shall not consider entirely relevant to the original motion.

XI.

No Member shall be permitted to speak more than once during the Debate; the privilege of reply being reserved to the mover of the question.

XII.

It shall be lawful, however, for a Member to rise a second time during the Debate, or after the reply of the Mover, for the purpose of explanation; or of correcting any *matter of fact* which may have been erroneously stated by any speaker. But in neither of these cases may any argument be introduced.

XIII.

And during the course of a speech, with the consent of the speaker, *but not otherwise*, a Member may rise for either of these purposes, and with the same limitation.

XIV.

The President shall be allowed to take part in the Debate on resigning his chair to the Treasurer or Secretary.

XV.

When the numbers are equal, the President shall have the casting vote.

XVI.

The President's decision shall be final on every question of order.

XVII.

Private
Business.

Notices of motions may be given, but no recommendation of the Committee shall be received, nor any other business transacted, unless there be twenty Members present at the time it is introduced.

XVIII.

Any Member wishing to introduce a motion on private business, shall give notice thereof before the Sunday previous to the Debate.

XIX.

All measures recommended by the Committee shall be discussed without previous notice.

XX.

Any motion may also be brought forward without notice, of which it was impossible that notice should have been given, and which has reference solely to the conduct or adjournment of the then meeting.

XXI.

No motion shall be put to the vote all together which shall appear to the President to involve two or more distinct propositions, but each shall be brought forward separately.

XXII.

No motion shall be brought forward more than once in the same Term.

XXIII.

No motion shall be altered or withdrawn without the sanction of the majority of the Society.

XXIV.

A decision to which the Society has come within the Term, can only be altered once in the same Term.

XXV.

In the discussion of private business every Member may speak more than once.

XXVI.

It shall not be out of order to address the President requesting him to fine any Member. It shall not be out of order to ask questions of Officers and Members of Committee relative to their official duties. Discussions upon such points shall be regulated by the President.

XXVII.

Adjournments shall not be moved more than Adjournment.
once in half an hour.

XXVIII.

Any Member may enforce an Adjournment at half past eleven.

XXIX.

Candidates. Any Member may propose as a Candidate any Member of the University.

XXX.

Any Member having a Candidate to propose, shall write the Candidate's name, together with his own, on a board placed in a conspicuous part of the Reading Room for that purpose. Those, whose names have been so placed before the previous Sunday, shall be ballotted for at each meeting, unless they exceed twelve, in which case the twelve first shall be ballotted for.

XXXI.

No Candidate can be ballotted for unless the initials of his Christian name have been entered upon the boards.

. XXXII.

No Candidate shall be ballotted for on the third meeting in Term.

XXXIII.

The election of Members shall be vested in the whole Society ; and one black ball in four shall exclude.

XXXIV.

The President shall give public and immediate notice of the names of such Candidates as are elected.

XXXV.

No Candidate shall be proposed at more than two meetings in each term.

XXXVI.

Honorary
Members.

All Members of the Cambridge Union Society, and of the Historical Society of Dublin, are Members of the Society.

XXXVII.

Graduates shall be ballotted for as in rule XXX; and if elected shall pay £5, and become Honorary Members.

XXXVIII.

Every Member becomes an Honorary Member on leaving the University, or at the commencement of the Term in which his name appears on the list of Candidates for the second Examination, provided he has paid at least £5 in subscriptions.

N. B. Strangers, not Members of the University, may be introduced by any Member into the Reading or Debating Room, and all M. A.'s are privileged to attend the Debate.

XXXIX.

The Treasurer shall give notice to every Payments. Member, immediately on his election, of the sum due from him to the Society as entrance money.

XL.

When a Candidate is elected, he shall, on receiving notice to that effect, pay before the second meeting after his election, in addition to the Terminal subscription, one pound—in default of which payment his election shall become void. The Terminal subscription of a Member elected at any one of the four first meetings in Term is one pound; if he be elected after the fourth meeting, ten shillings; but if at the last meeting in Term the entrance money only is required.

XLI.

The regular subscription for each Term shall be twenty shillings, which shall be paid before the second meeting in Term ; and any Member not paying before the second meeting in Term, shall pay a fine of ten shillings.

XLII.

The Treasurer shall give notice a fortnight before the last meeting in Term, to all Members who owe subscriptions or fines ; and the names of those who do not discharge their whole debt before the last meeting (unless absent from the University during the time allowed for payment), shall be struck off the list by the President, who shall communicate the same to the House. The names of the Members so struck off shall be printed and placed in the Reading Room.

XLIII.

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of ten. The Committee.

XLIV.

No Member shall be eligible to be on the Committee until he has been in the Society during the space of one Term, and taken part at least once in the public Debates.

XLV.

The Committee shall retire from office at the third meeting of each Term, and a new one be elected by secret suffrage. Each Member present shall give in a list of Members, not exceeding nine. The Member with most votes shall be President, while the Secretary and Librarian shall be elected by the Committee from their own body. The six others, with the Treasurer, shall complete the number of the Committee.

XLVI.

If in voting for a new Committee any Member send in a list of more than nine, he shall be considered as having voted for the first nine on his list.

XLVII.

Any Member of Committee, who has not already in the course of the Term brought forward a question, shall vacate his office, unless he have a question in the box within a fortnight of his election; and such question, while he remains a Member of the Committee, he shall not be at liberty to withdraw, except on substitution of another. From this rule, however, the Officers for the time being are exempt.

XLVIII.

When a vacancy occurs in the Committee, a new Member shall be elected by secret suffrage.

XLIX.

The Committee shall meet once every week, and three shall form a quorum, of whom one of the officers must be one : their office shall be,

1. To select in succession Questions for Debate, of which written notice shall be given three weeks before their discussion.

2. To consider all subjects referred to their arbitration, and report thereon to the House.

3. To examine the votes of the Society in election of Committees.

L.

The President shall have the power of calling extraordinary meetings of the Committee.

LI.

The Committee shall have the power to order pamphlets, and any Nos. of Lardner's Cabinet Library, and Cyclopædia ; of the publications of the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge ; and of Constable's Miscellany ; for the use of the Reading Room.

LII.

No book shall be accepted till it has received the sanction of the Committee.

LIII.

If a Member of the Committee shall refuse to transact any business assigned to him, such refusal shall be equivalent to the resignation of his office.

LIV.

The President, Secretary, Librarian, and Treasurer, shall have the power of introducing two strangers to the Debate, and other Members of the Committee one each.

LV.

All decisions of the President shall be subject to appeal, by a motion brought forward after the expiration of his office; but notice of such appeal must be given within a week of the decision complained of, and shall be placed by the Secretary in a conspicuous part of the Reading Room.

LVI.

The absence of the President for two successive meetings, without a sufficient reason being laid before the House, shall be considered as a virtual resignation of his office.

LVII.

The Secretary. The Secretary shall minute the proceedings of the Society, and shall have the charge of all its records.

LVIII.

The Secretary shall have charge of a copy of the Rules bound, and shall enter in it all new laws, erase all which are repealed, and insert all alterations which are determined upon by the House.

LIX.

The Secretary shall place in some conspicuous part of the Reading Room, written notices of the questions chosen for debate, and of those private motions of which notice has been given at the previous meeting.

LX.

The Treasurer's office is terminal, and he ^{The Treas-} shall be elected by the majority of the Society, ^{urer.} at the first meeting in each Term.

LXI.

The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements, and he shall conduct the business of the Reading Room.

LXII.

The Treasurer shall give notice to every Member, immediately on his election, of the sum due from him to the Society, as entrance money.

LXIII.

The Treasurer shall place in a conspicuous part of the Reading Room, a list of all fines and subscriptions due, with the date at which they became due.

LXIV.

The Treasurer shall make a financial statement to the Society at the last meeting in each Term.

LXV.

The Librarian. The Librarian shall transact all business relating to the Books and Periodical Publications.

LXVI.

The Librarian shall be in every respect on the same footing as the Secretary and Treasurer.

LVII.

The sole authority of inflicting Fines shall be vested in the President ; but it shall be imperative on him to inflict them when he considers any of the offences specified to have been committed ; nor can they be remitted but by an appeal to the Society at the expiration of his office. Subject, however, to the limitations of Rule LV.

FINES.

£. s. d.

1. Any Member whose question is selected,
not opening the Debate in person or by
proxy 2 0 0

2. Any Member giving notice of a private
motion and not appearing to support the
same either by himself or proxy: (this
Penalty not to apply to Members who
may not be resident in Oxford) . . . 0 10 0

3. Any Member persisting in what the Presi-
dent has declared to be disorderly con-
duct 1 0 0

4. Any Member introducing a Bachelor or
Undergraduate of the University, not a
Member, to the Reading Room or Debate 1 0 0

£. s. d.

5. Any Member convicted by a majority of
the Society of a breach of any of the
Standing Rules 1 0 0
6. Any Member of the Committee absent-
ing himself therefrom without sufficient
excuse, or not attending within a quarter
of an hour of the time appointed for its
sitting, unless he shall have already
served on the Committee three Terms, or
filled one of the offices, provided that he
does not then hold any of them, . . . 0 5 0
7. Any Member taking out or intercepting
any Newspapers belonging to the Read-
ing Room 0 5 0
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any other publication belonging to the
Reading Room 1 0 0

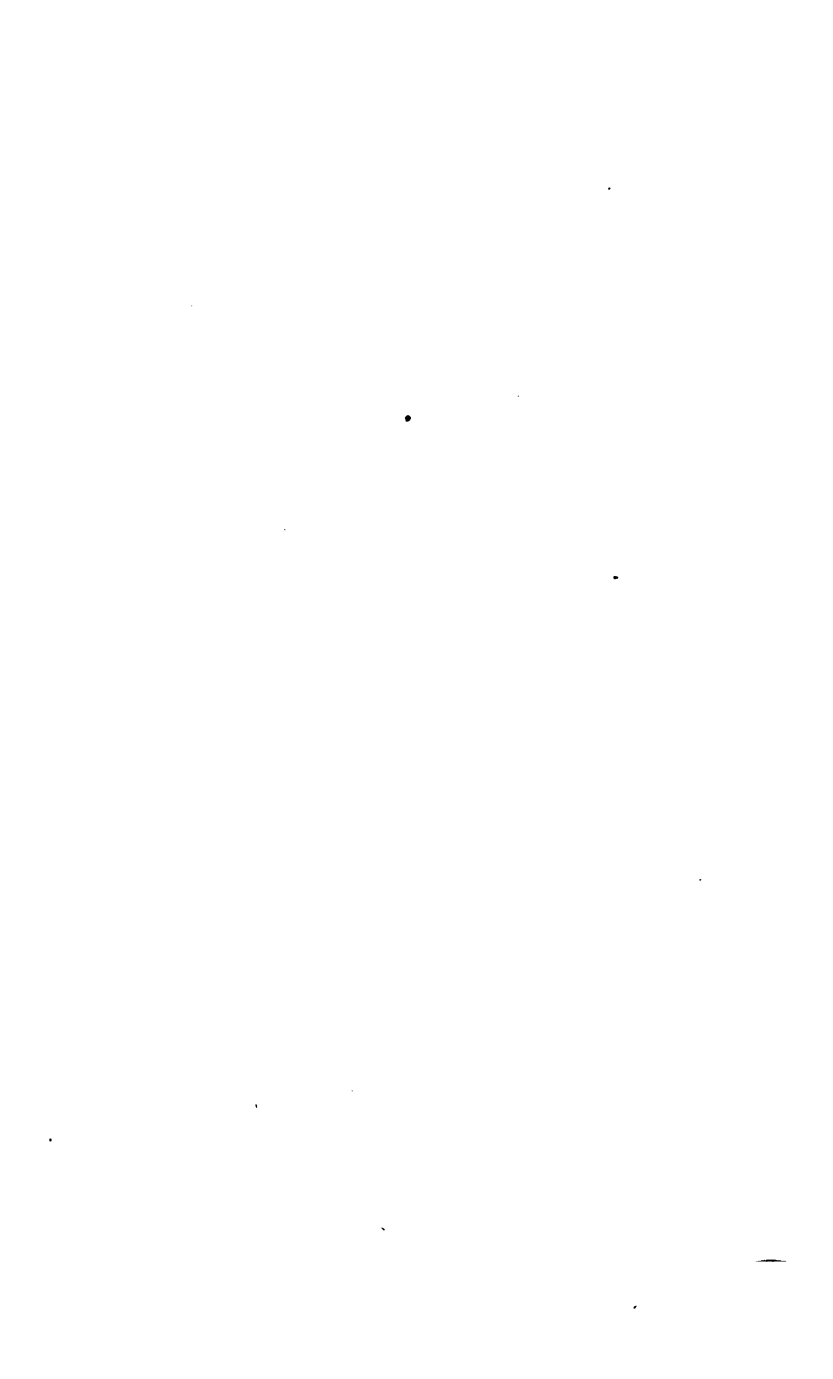
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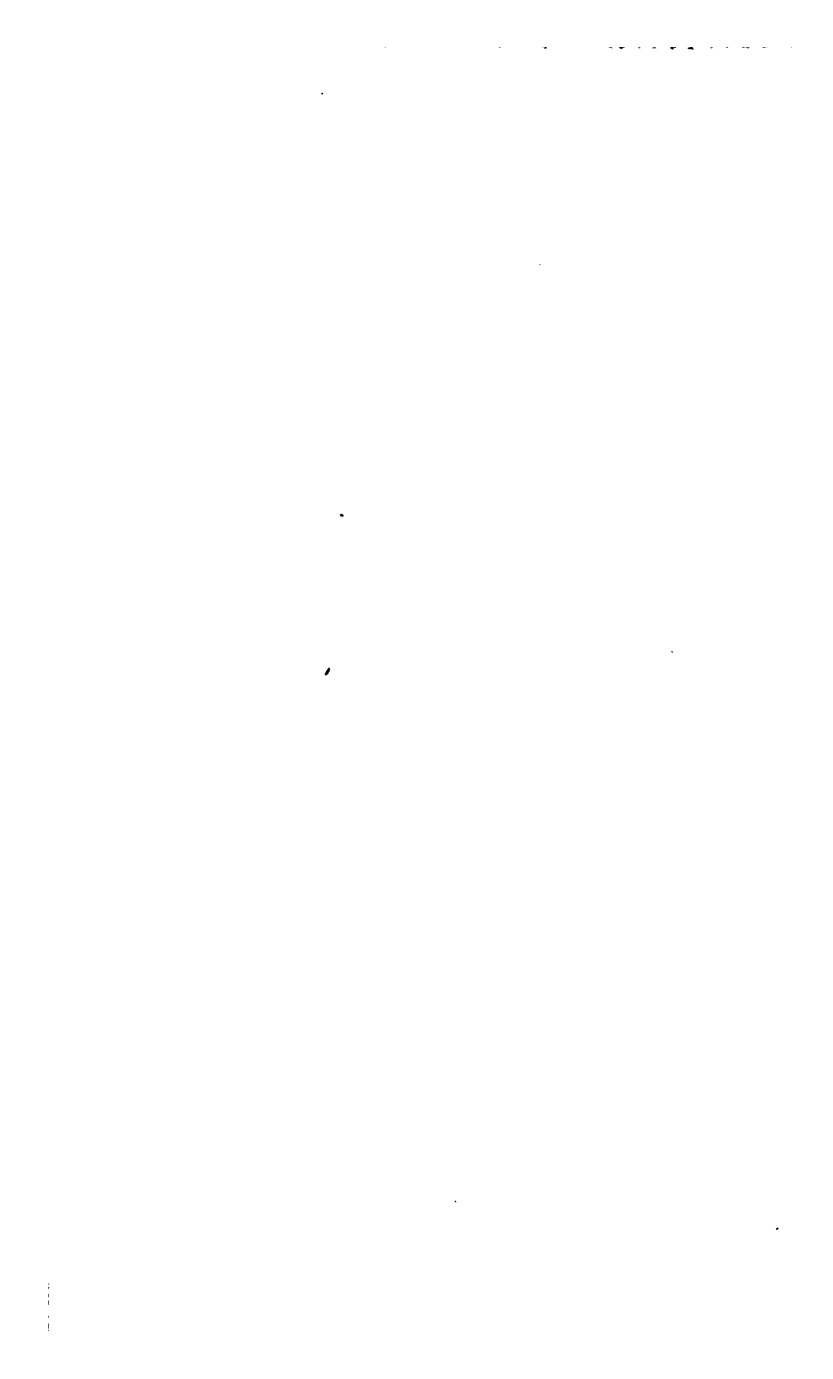
9. Any Member defacing or damaging the
property of the Society, or its Reading
Room 0 5 0

10. Any Member *wantonly* defacing the pro-
perty of the Society; [under this head
shall be considered the writing *irrelevant*
questions, or *any* questions under ficti-
tious signatures.] 2 0 0

On Thursday, November 3rd, 1831, a Resolution
was passed, "That the Society considers the taking
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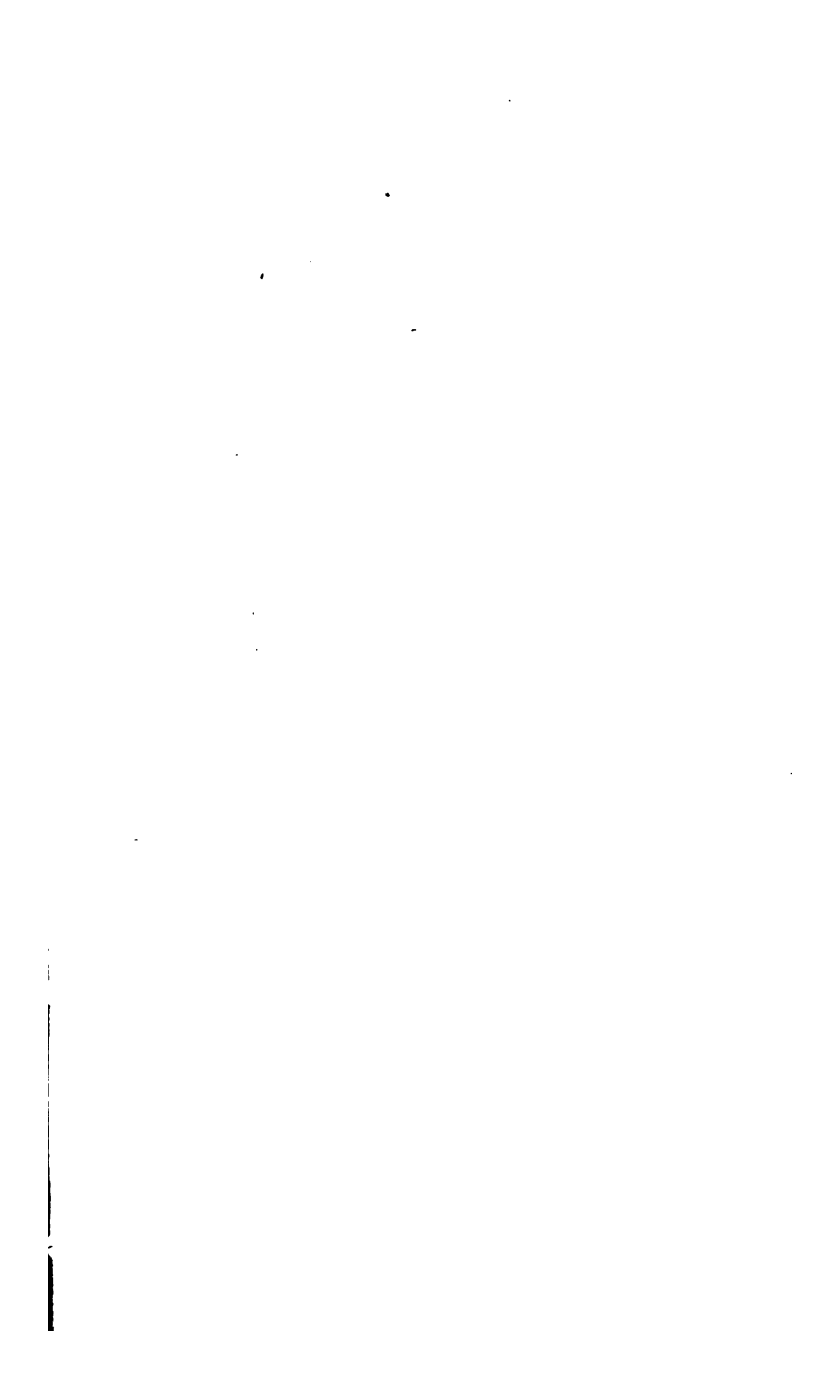


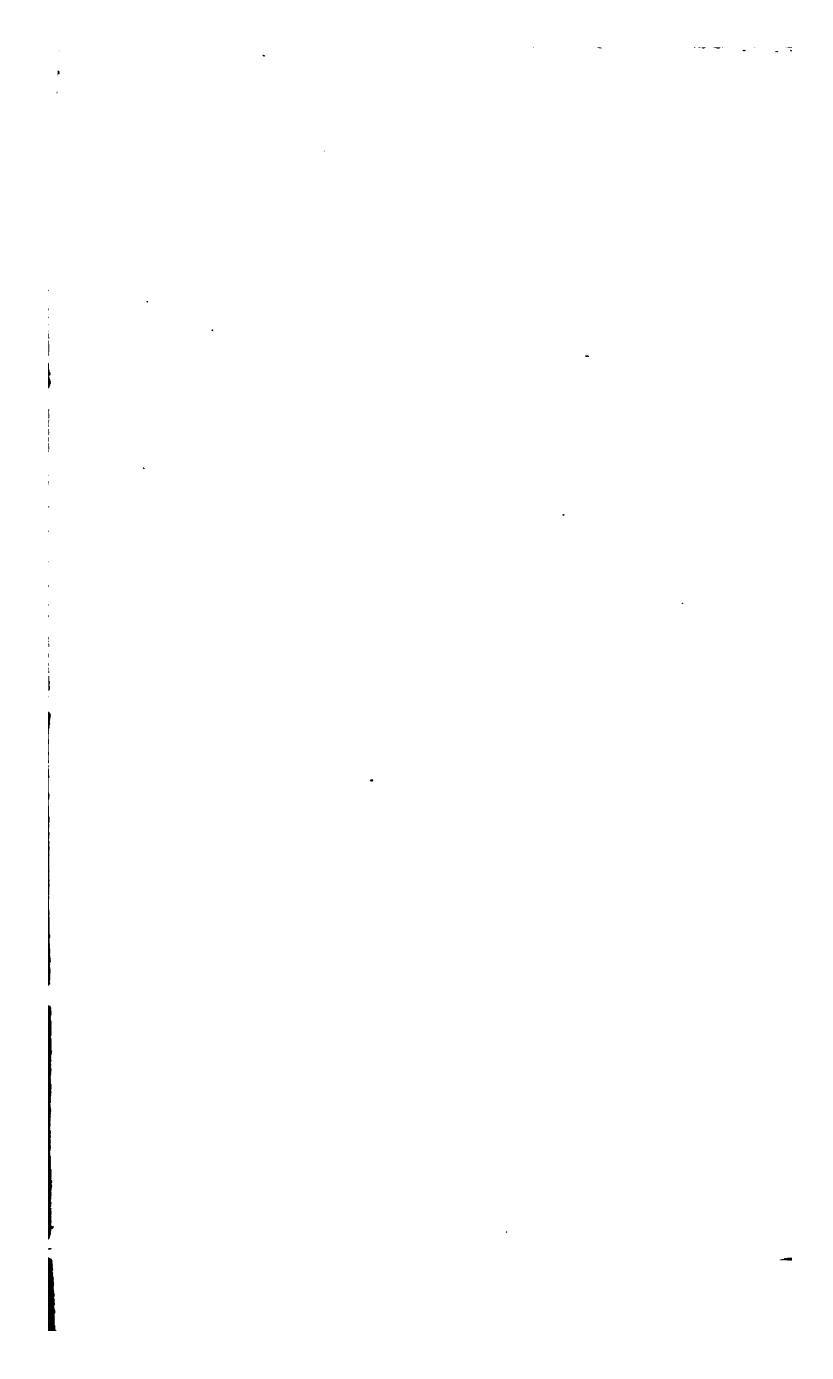


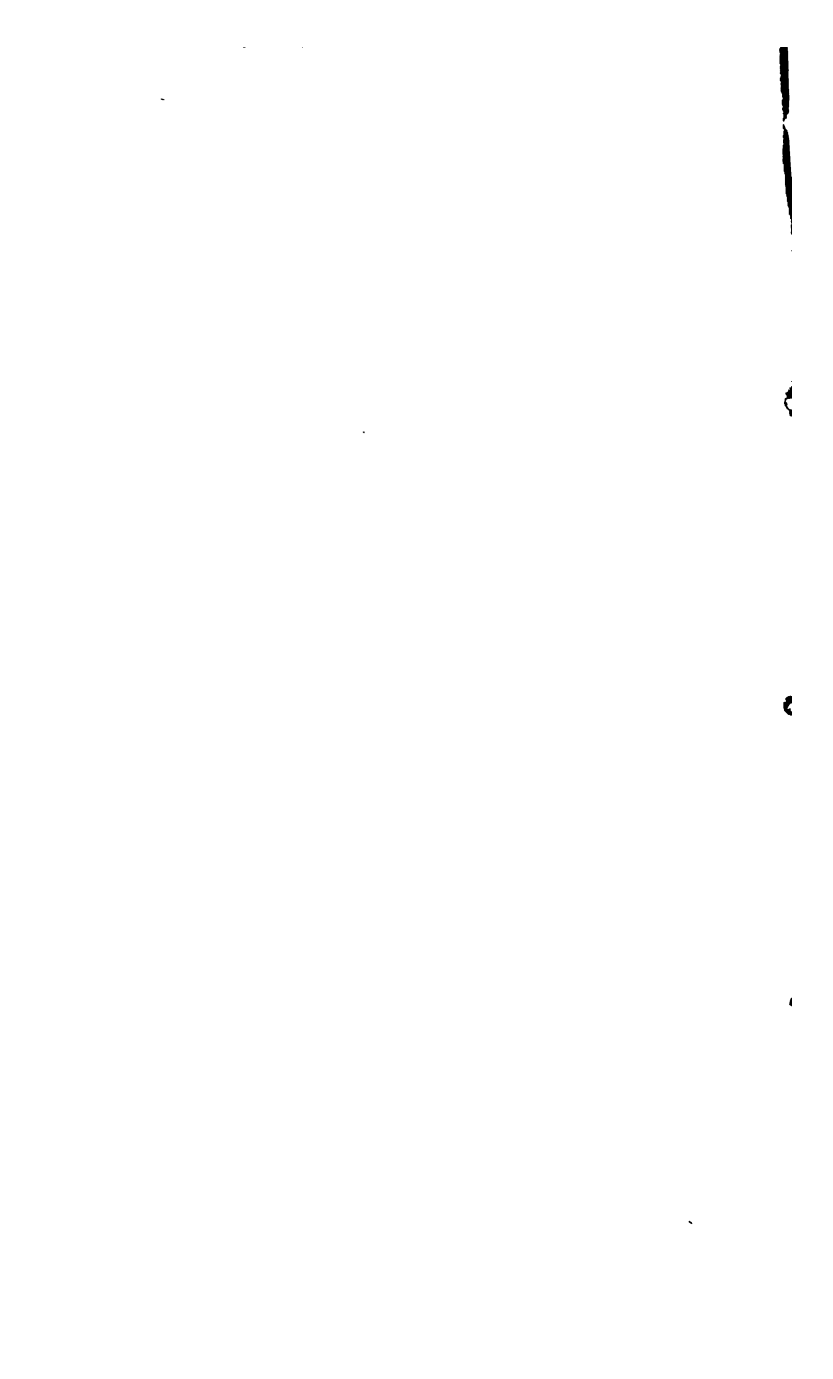


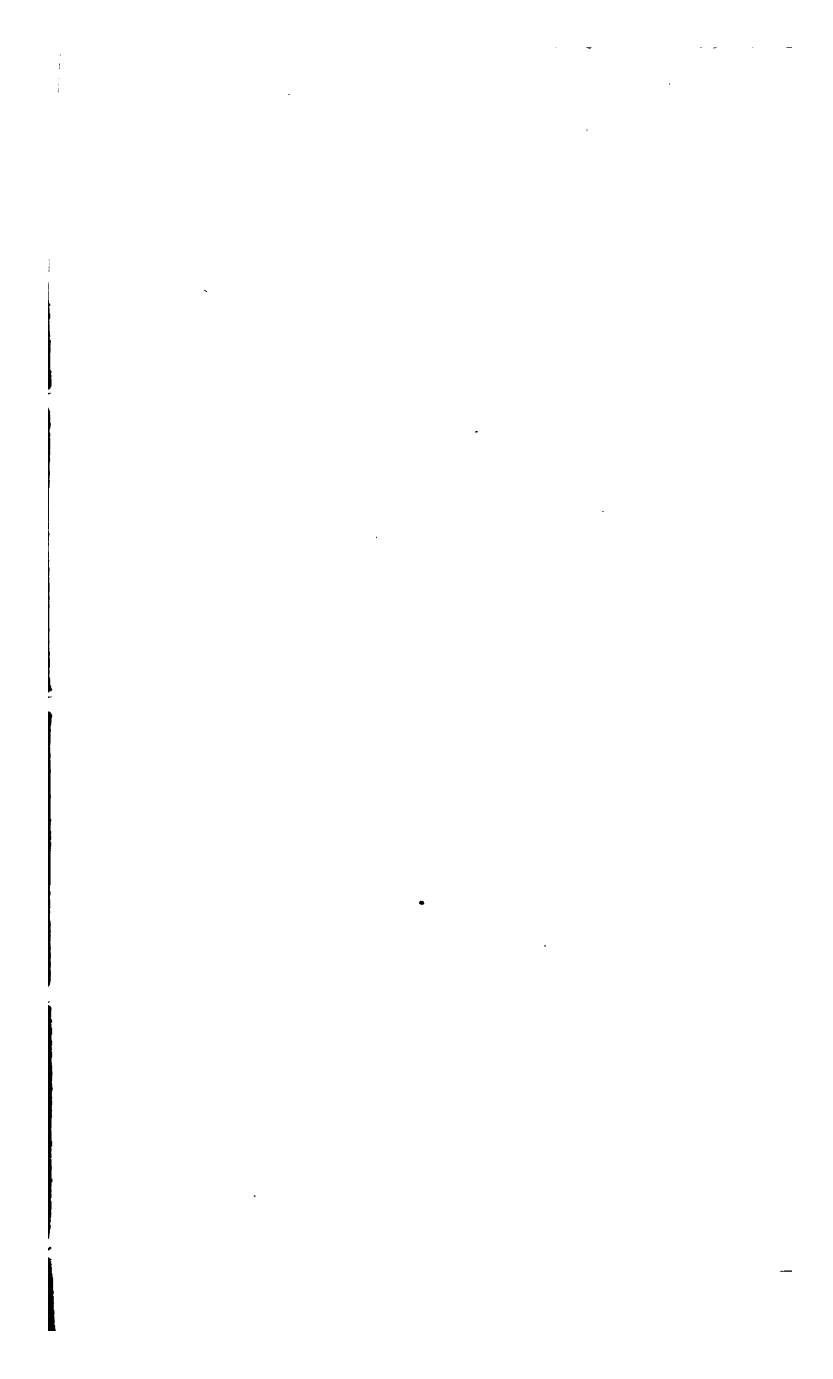


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